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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AFFAIR

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1. THE SEPTEMBER 10 ISSUE OF "SABADO GRAFICO", A WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE, CARRIED A LIST OF ELEVEN NAMES OF MAINLY AIR FORCE AND AIR MINISTRY OFFICIALS WHO IT SAID "COULD BE IMPLICATED ON THE SPANISH SIDE IN A VERY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR." BY GOS ORDER THE PAGE CONTAINING THE NAMES WAS CUT OUT OF MOST OF THE MAGAZINES, BUT SOME UNCUT EXAMPLES DID GET OUT AND THE LIST WAS WIDELY CIRCULATED. IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE NAMES WERE THOSE WHO WOULD BE IMPLICATED IN THE LOCKHEED MATTER. THE SPANISH AIR FORCE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY BROUGHT SUIT AGAINST THE MAGAZINE.

2. TODAY'S EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE PRINTED A RETRACTION CLAIMING THAT THE INFORMATION HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM "ABROAD" AND DECLARED THAT THE LIST WAS "WITHOUT FOUNDATION" AND HAD BEEN PRINTED WITHOUT BEING PREVIOUSLY VERIFIED. IT APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING CAST SUSPICION ON THOSE "WHO ARE AND MUST BE ABOVE SUSPICION."

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3. COMMENT: WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SOURCE OF THE

MAGAZINE'S INFORMATION WAS, NOR WHETHER ANY OF THE NAMED
INDIVIDUALS WERE ACTUALLY INVOLVED IN IMPROPRIETIES.
THE INCIDENT DOES POINT UP, HOWEVER, THE NEED TO GET
ACCURATE INFORMATION INTO THE HANDS OF SPANISH
AUTHORITIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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